- Energy audit/conservation studies
- Mining electronics and repair/testing of electronic components of equipment
- Third-party inspection for quality checking of materials and random testing of explosives
- Coal Bed Methane (CBM) related services
- Thematic mapping (land use, forest, soil, drainage, urban sprawl, sodic land), Geological structural mapping)
- Special Reports such as reports for dealing with fire, subsidence, rehabilitation, etc.
- Nodal agency for CIL Research and Development projects

(ii) To Outside Clients:—

- Similar services are being provided to companies outside CIL also and based on open market bidding or specific requisition for such services

(iii) To Ministry of Coal:—

- Promotional exploration and detailed drilling for non-CIL blocks
- Nodal agency for other Central Sector schemes, *viz.* research projects under S and T scheme and Environmental Measures and Subsidence Control projects
- Identification and evaluation of captive mining blocks

(c) Does not arise in view of reply given to part (a) above. However, the administrative expenditure in respect of CMPDI during the last three years is given below:—

Year	Amount of Administrative Expenditure (in Rs. crores)		
	Salary	Others	Total
2005-06	26.29	6.84	33.13
2006-07	28.33	6.51	34.84
2007-08	35.91	7.90	43.81

High Wall Mining technology

1873. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd. (SCCL) has placed order against private company for "High Wall Mining" technology for high productivity;

(b) whether it is a fact that SCCL have given mobilization advance of Rs. 37.5 crores to the company;

(c) if so, the reasons that production with "High Wall Mining" has not commenced even after two years;

(d) whether Government would probe the financial loss to SCCL due to delay for using the technology; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA): (a) Yes, Sir. To conserve and facilitate the optimum extraction of valuable coal reserves locked beneath high walls in opencast mines, Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) had placed an order for production of coal using high wall mining technology on M/s. Advanced Mining Technology Pvt. Ltd. Hyderabad.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) As per the agreed terms, the agency shall do scientific investigation to facilitate SCCL to obtain permission of Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS). The work shall commence within one year from the grant of DGMS permission. DGMS granted permission for Extraction of Coal with High Wall Mining technology at Ramgundam Opencast-II project of SCCL on 14.5.2008. Hence, there is no delay of work schedules as per contract.

(d) and (e) Does not arise in view of reply given to parts (b) and (c) above.

Coal production

†1874. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of domestic companies or individual groups permitted for coal production or mining and lifting till now;

(b) the quantity of such coal;

(c) whether it does not infringe the rights of public sector, Coal India Ltd. (CIL);

(d) the rate of coal lifted either by public sector or private sector;

(e) whether it is cheaper than the other countries of the world;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(g) whether Government intends to hike the price of the coal produced in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA): (a) and (b) As on date, 161 public and private sector companies registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 have been allocated 198 coal blocks with geological reserves of about 42 billion tonnes under the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973.

(c) No, Sir.

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